

# Ten Ways to Get Kids to Drink More 1% or Fat-free Milk

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Children imitate their parents and caregivers. Reach for 1% milk and your kids will too.

### Make it Stick

Using cow stickers, have your child chart his or her servings of 1% or fat-free milk each day (goal at least 2 1-cup servings/day). Continue for several weeks to develop a healthy habit.

#### Sneak it in

Add 1% or fat-free milk instead of water when making oatmeal, hot chocolate, pancakes and soups. Your children will love the taste, and you'll love the nutrition they get.

## **Fuel Stop**

When afternoon play calls for a snack break, fuel up with 1% or fat-free milk.

# Work/School Days

Encourage your child's caregiver to choose 1% or fat-free milk for kids over age 2.



## Fancy Fun

Make milk-drinking special by serving 1% or fat-free milk in a fun glass with a colorful straw that bends and wiggles.

## Shake it Up

Team 1% or fat-free milk with fruit and crushed ice in the blender to create a tasty smoothie. Experiment by adding yogurt or frozen yogurt.

#### Fun with Flavors

Stock up on syrups like chocolate, strawberry or butterscotch and let kids swirl their favorite into a glass of 1% or fat-free milk at mealtime.

## Milk with Meals

Make milk your usual mealtime beverage. Moms can feel better about even the pickiest eaters when children drink milk with meals.

#### On the Go

The next time you make a fast food pick-up, order nutrient-packed 1% or fat-free milk instead of soft drinks. Increase the value of kid's meals by substituting milk.

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